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Mexico Publishes Preliminary Resolution on Antidumping Investigation of U.S. Pork Meat

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Report Highlights:

The Mexican government has officially announced the preliminary resolution of the investigation of dumping charges filed by the Mexican Pork Council (CMP) against importers and exporters of U.S. pork meat classified in tariff codes 0203.11.01, 0203.12.01, 0203.19.99, 0203.21.01, 0203.22.01 and 0203.29.99. Mexico has determined that there is not sufficient evidence to impose compensatory duties.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes a published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on May 31, 2004.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the resolution in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete resolution or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: The Secretariat of Economy (SE) announced on January 7, 2003, in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" ("Federal Register"), the initiation of an official antidumping investigation against U.S. pork meat classified in tariff codes 0203.11.01, 0203.12.01, 0203.19.99, 0203.21.01, 0203.22.01 and 0203.29.99. The investigation was in response to a petition submitted by the Mexican Pork Council (CMP). At issue was U.S. production and market prices for pork meat. SE concluded that although no price discrimination margins were found for the period investigated, it was not possible to quantify objectively the damage or threat of damage to the domestic industry alleged by the petitioner. Therefore, the investigative procedure for determining price discrimination is concluded and no compensatory duties are applicable.

Title: " Preliminary resolution that concludes the antidumping investigation on imports of pork meat, merchandise classified in tariff codes 0203.11.01, 0203.12.01, 0203.19.99, 0203.21.01, 0203.22.01 and 0203.29.99 of the General Import Tax Law, originating in the United States of America, independently of their country of origin".

Type of Resolution: Preliminary resolution on antidumping claims.

Important Dates

1. Publication Date: May 31, 2004
2. Effective Date: June 1, 2004

Products Affected: Pork meat, merchandise classified in tariff codes 0203.11.01, 0203.12.01, 0203.19.99, 0203.21.01, 0203.22.01 and 0203.29.99.

Agency in Charge: The Secretariat of Economy (SE), International Commercial Practices Unit

Comment: After nearly a year and a half, this action puts an end to the possibility that dumping duties will be applied to products such as, meat of animals of the porcine species, fresh or chilled carcass's or half carcasses; meat of animals of the porcine species, legs, shoulders and pieces thereof, bone-in; meat of the porcine species, fresh or chilled, others; meat of the porcine species frozen, in carcasses or half carcasses; meat of the porcine species frozen, legs, shoulders, pieces thereof, bone-in; and meat of the porcine species frozen, others; falling under tariff codes 0203.11.01, 0203.12.01, 0203.19.99, 0203.21.01, 0203.22.01 and 0203.29.99. Imports of these products were valued at \$281 million in 2003 and comprised 61.78 percent of Mexico's total pork imports from the United States. According to Mexican import data, imports these products have increased 95.4 percent since the inception of NAFTA. Unfortunately, the Government of Mexico announced the initiation of an investigation focussing exclusively on "pork legs" falling under tariff codes 0203.12.01 and 0203.22.01 in this same announcement see (MX4074).

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